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ONE WAR GAIN.

There was a period in the progress of the war when it was believed that the end might come as a result of general exhaustion. It was believed that all of the nations might reach the limit of their power and that a compromised peace would be the result, and there were evidences that such a stage of the war was approaching when the United States stepped in. While France was undaunted, clear-headed Frenchmen recognized that French power was declining and in Germany the effects of the blockade were undermining the nation.

But the United States, notwithstanding the magnitude of the effort already made, was only beginning to fight. The army in Europe was only a little more than half as large as the minimum that was set for next year's campaign. The Fourth Loan, the greatest financial effort made by the country, will not be completely taken until long after the war is ended. In aeroplane production the country had no more than made a good start in quantity production and the greater part of the shipbuilding that was planned will not be carried out.

The result is that this country does not know and, it may be hoped, never will know what it could find in meeting a great national danger such as that which has been faced by France in the last four years.

But the country does know in many ways that tasks which would have seemed impossible a few years ago are really easy. A new sense of power has been acquired and a new appreciation of the value of national co-operation and discipline has been instilled.

In a selfish way this new knowledge is perhaps the greatest gain the nation has made through the war. When a big national task appears in the future there will be little heed paid to the advice of the weak and the timid.

A BIG GIFT.

The gift of \$5,000,000 to the United War Work Fund by the Steel Corporation is said to be the largest of the kind that was ever made. This may be the fact, but, whether it is or not, the figure is of a size which shows that the calculating business men of that great organization believe that the Red Cross and other organizations which are to share the fund need more money now than they ever have before.

The reasons why they think so have been stated in these columns already. They may be summed up in the one fact that all of devastated Europe and a considerable part of Asia will need help this winter.

The near East is stripped bare, much of Russia is in danger of starvation, Belgium is homeless and without the means with which to earn a living, while Central Europe is exhausted. Add to these facts the further fact that the United States will have an army of about 2,000,000 men in Europe for months to come and the reasons for digging deep cannot be misunderstood by any man.

The size of the gift, probably, was measured in part by the circumstances that, naturally, the Steel Corporation has made large sums out of the war.

IT JUST HAS TO BRAY

As with its kind it seems absolutely necessary for the Dispatch to bray every little while. Last night it honked:

"The Dispatch was advised from Washington this forenoon that proper steps had been taken to protect the returns and count as far as the election is concerned. Affidavits, etc., have been filed by the proper heads of the National Republican committee which will receive proper attention from administration departments so there will be little danger of 'shanghai' and misdirected returns and count."

The crass ignorance of governmental procedure and churlish innuendo clearly establish the author of this bit of coarse asininity. It came from the same

disordered source whence recently sprung the fictitious "Alaska Defense Society" and its misuse of the United States mails. The thought of "shanghai"—whatever that is—or "misdirected returns and count" has never occurred to any wholly sane Alaskan—Democrat or Republican.

The old fashioned American girl who has preferred a red blooded American husband to a foreign title has been vindicated at last. The foreign title is now no better than the titled husband was.

There is going to be a Mitteleuropa all right, but it will not be spelled that way, and there are going to be so many people self-determining that at times there may not be enough labor to work the crops.

Chauncey Depew says in his 62 years of public life he has known every one that amounted to anything. If you have missed meeting Chauncey you know where you stand.

Speaking of the birth of the German republic, it is evident from the confusion and disturbance that it is not being accomplished by the twilight sleep method.

It begins to look as if the only autocrats who will positively refuse to abdicate will be the Bolshevik overlords.

Well, anyway, the Huns have cured the perennial gathering of casualty statistics from the football field.

Mining Association Needed in North.

(Anchorage Democrat.)

The mineral resources of Alaska are going begging and opportunities for development never were greater than at the present time.

Hundreds of prospectors are figuratively sitting on their claims with barely enough to exist on, yet unwilling to abandon their holdings, while beneath the ground lies ore that the expenditure of a few thousand dollars could be made to yield fortunes.

Alaska is crying for the attention of capital to develop its great latent resources and establish the means of transportation so badly needed.

An association of mining men could work a wonderful transformation in the north, a transformation which doubtless would attract government approval and support.

Now is the time, before the after-war stampede breaks over us like a tidal wave, to lay the foundations for an organization of miners and mining men who have or wish to acquire a stake in Alaska.

Its purpose would be to facilitate the development of the mineral fuel and other resources of the northland. The strongest mining association in America could be moulded out of the existing man-power that has done so much in a primitive way toward exploiting this virgin empire.

By a little determined proselyting several thousand men could no doubt be mobilized for membership. The combined influence of these practical men, the work of their standing committees and field agents, under proper organization, would have a tremendous effect in opening up the country.

Such an organization would harmonize or even federate with other good-and-welfare associations of the Territory for its material advancement and this cumulative pressure exerted for any given project would become an irresistible factor in securing results.

Such an association could investigate conditions, prevent wildcat operations, foster capital investment in good properties, publish to the world the truth about Alaska as development proceeds, and in a thousand ways help the opening up of the nation's greatest territorial asset.

There should be no talk of migrating to other fields—of whatever vintage—until capital and brawn have been enlisted to open Pandora's box right here at home, wherein are treasures to pay the cost of the war and enrich the world besides.

Intensive Education.

(St. Louis Republic.)

Soldier students at the colleges and universities are being routed out of bed before sunrise and begin their work as students at time which would find a student in the days of peace deliberately considering in his comfortable slippers which necktie would look best at the breakfast table with his fancy waistcoat.

There is no time for loafing now and there are no long, leisurely days when there is nothing to do. To an extent the public schools have been similarly affected by the war. Many schools in the State are working six days a week.

Educators are going to watch the results of intensive education with as great interest as the Germans watched intensive military training. The Germans said it requires three years to make a soldier and found to their cost that they had overestimated the period by full two-thirds. Have educators been making a similar mistake about the time required to make an educated man?

That is a question which the war-time experience now being gained may answer, and if it should be found that the time spent in school can be shortened one of the admitted defects of the present system will be removed. The time now required to bring the student even to the threshold of a professional school in any good university is too long.

Do's and Don'ts for Influenza Prevention.

(Douglas Island News.)

Wear a mask.
Live a clean, healthy life.
Keep the pores open—that is bathe frequently.
Wash your hands before each meal.
Live in an abundance of fresh air, day and night.
Keep warm.
Get plenty of sleep.
Gargle frequently (and always after having been out) with a solution of salt in water. (Half teaspoon of salt to one glass—eight ounces—of water).
Report early symptoms to the doctor at once.
Respect the quarantine regulations.
Avoid crowds. You can get the influenza only by being near some one who is infected.
Avoid persons who sneeze or cough.
Do not neglect your mask.
Do not disregard the advice of a specialist just because you do not understand.
Do not disregard the rights of a community—obey cheerfully the rules issued by the authorities.
Do not think you are entitled to special privileges.
Do not go near other people if you have a cold or fever—you may expose them to the influenza and death. See the doctor.
Do not think it is impossible for you to get or transmit influenza.
Keep your hands out of your mouth.
Do not cough or sneeze in the open.
Do not use a public towel or drinking cup.
Do not visit the sick or handle articles from the sick room.
DON'T WORRY.

One of President Wilson's annoying characteristics is the way he so frequently turns out to have been right in the end even when you and all other sensible people knew he was wrong at the time.—(Ohio State Journal.)

Spain is now experiencing one of the awful penalties of neutrality. The Allies are sending about a million Hun prisoners down there to be cared for by the Dons.—(New York Telegraph.)

Fuller Bunk Says:



TRAVEL never be any woman com-
moners in the navy because ships
frequently have to sail under secret or-
ders.

BITS OF BY-PLAY

By Luke McLuke

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The Civilization Stakes
(The Thoroughbred Record)
The Human Race—Stake, civil-
ization; \$5,000,000,000 added; dis-
tance, as far as necessary; con-
ditions, unconditional surrender. Wor-
by United States, Red, White and
Blue colt, by Liberty—Necessity;
jockey, Woodrow Wilson; betting,
out, and out; France (Foch),
and Great Britain (Haig), all out
for place. Time, far below record.
The Hohenzollerns, the Hapsburgs,
Hindenburg, Ludendorff, Turkey and
the Potsdam Gang (breeding un-
printable, also ran.
Scratched, Bulgaria.

You're On!

I. M. Wise, of Cincinnati, wants to
know if he can't be paired with I.
M. Solomon, of Indianapolis, Ind.

Is That So!

Dear Luke: I says to the Old
Lady, says I: "You will agree with
Luke when he says that it is no
longer necessary for a girl to be ig-
norant to be innocent." And the
wife replies: "That is true. And
the time is coming when it will be
difficult for an ornery man to fool
a decent girl into marrying him."
And, Luke, add this to your I-P-Pays-
to-Tell-the-Truth-Once-in-a-While say-
ings: The average respectable man
wouldn't marry any woman who
couldn't duplicate his record.—Ed
Cox.

Bless Her Heart!

We hope that when Grace B. Still,
of Louisville, Ky., gets married, her
husband will never have to use her
maiden name when he talks to her.

Alas!

Billy Wood met an old circus man
in Birmingham, Ala., and the O. C.
M. passed this one onto Luke: The
circus was showing in a small town
in Tennessee some twenty years ago
and the big top was blown down
and about forty people injured. The
show did not play this town again
until this Summer and the Press
Agent thought it would be a good

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stunt to "run a line in the adver-
tisements recalling the accident of
20 years ago and stating that all of
those who were injured when the
accident occurred and who were still
living were invited to attend the
show free as guests of the man-
agement. This was done. But,
alas, for the ravages of time! Out
of the forty people who were in-
jured in the accident of 20 years
previous only 475 survivors showed
up.

Ruffstuff

We are ashamed to spring this tale.
And yet we hate to duck it;
A fellow gets a little pale
Before he kicks the bucket.

—Luke McLuke.

This story, too, so gray with age,
Your risibles may vex;
A man gets nothing when at last
He passes in his checks.

—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

We might get fined for pulling this.
But still we'd like to note
How sheepish even wise guys are
When some one gets their goat.

—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

If we get "called" for adding this
Charming poetic fool,
Or even fired, we hope that we
Will manage to keep cool.

—Macon Telegraph.

Wuff!

There is a girl in Troy, Ohio, who
is Helen Winter, but— Anyway,
while we are in Troy, let's go over
and see V. Hickie and have a ride.

Luke McLuke Says

You can tell a newly married man
by the way he dodges when his
wife throws things at him. An old
timer doesn't move. He has had
experience and knows that she will
miss him.

Why is it that the weaker the
butter and eggs are in price the
stronger they are otherwise?
You are supposed to have faith in
the medicine you are taking. But
you may have noticed that a man
always looks up to Heaven just be-
fore he swallows a pill.

Of course we understand that the
Peepul demand Prohibition and
won't be happy until they get it.
But, at the same time, the betting
is that the City Waterworks could
shut down for a whole afternoon
and two-thirds of the male citizens
would never know it.

The only time a man hates to be
overrated is when the Tax Assessor
calls.
It is hard to make some married
women believe that their husbands
would tell the truth when a lie
would do just as well.

Men are supposed to have a more
vivid imagination than women. But

WEDS OFFICER

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J. FARRELL

Announcement has just been
made of the marriage on October 8
of Miss Helen Curtis Field, daugh-
ter of Mr. George C. Field, of Brook-
lyn, to Lieutenant Edward J. Far-
rell, U. S. A., of New York. The
ceremony, which had been arranged
hurriedly on account of the bride-
groom's expected orders to go to
France, was performed by the Rev.
Bernard F. McQuade in the rectory
of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

We don't believe it. A new baby
can look like a scalded monkey, but
the baby's mother has imagination
enough to see that the baby is the
very image of its father.

Every woman likes to have a lot
of women friends who can't afford
to dress as well as she can.

As we understand it, six ordi-
nary women constitute a crowd under
the Health Office rules during the
"Flu" epidemic, and if six women
stop to talk on the street an of-
ficer must make the crowd disperse.
But what we want to know is whether
one Corn-Fed girl constitutes a
crowd or may two Corn Feds stop
and talk on the street?

Tips from Texas

(Dallas News)

Personally, we would rather be
right than be President, but we
don't seem to stand much chance
of election, right or wrong.

Furthermore, our favorite aircraft
is papered with stock certificates.

Our position simply is that every
rich woman should allow her hus-

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band enough money to keep her
from being known as a tightwad.

As a rule, it is time for you to
quit going to the photographer's
after he acknowledges that he can't
make you look like anything.

Another reason why a man is a
man is because no matter what his
wife pays for her hat, he tells her
she got stung.

Tillie Clinger says she dreamed
last night she was married to a man
named Kultur, and had him ar-
rested for wife-beating.

CO-OPERATION FOR
TRADE RELATIONS
BEING ENCOURAGED

LONDON, Nov. 14.—Arrival of
numerous American delegations in
London recently, under the guid-
ance of the British Ministry of In-
formation, has revived among Amer-
ican business men in London plans
for exchange of business delega-
tions. The bodies now arrived rep-
resent labor, the press, Congress,
the government, social workers, etc.,
but not business.

It is stated that last Spring the
American Chamber of Commerce in
London presented a plan to Wash-
ington for business delegations
which it was urged would tend to-
ward the removal of many misun-
derstandings and toward friendly
co-operation, but the plan was not
favored by the American govern-
ment at that time.

SOMEODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE

By Briggs

